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City Golf Department appoints pro to enhance game for youth and adults

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MURFREESBORO, **Tenn.** – The City of Murfreesboro Golf Department has a new man on the links. Jex Wilson was recently appointed as Director of Instruction and Youth Development.

"Jex Wilson brings to the City Golf Department a wealth of knowledge about junior golf development and the game of golf," said Director of Golf Tracy Wilkins. "We are blessed to benefit from his deep understanding of the game and his passion for working with young and older golfers alike to help enhance the game in Murfreesboro."

A PGA Master Professional, Wilson comes to Murfreesboro after serving in a similar capacity with Coffee County Junior Golf, Inc. foundation and WillowBrook Golf Club in Manchester, Tennessee. In his new role, Wilson will be charged with enhancing all aspects of the game of golf for adults and youth with a special emphasis on junior golf development. Wilson will work year-round at Old Fort Golf Club, Bloomfield Links and at the V.A. Course.

"We have already starting working with the Murfreesboro City Schools Extended School Program (ESP) with the hope of gaining city-wide elementary school participation in the fall of 2015," added Wilkins.

In Manchester, Wilson successfully took the foundation's Coffee County Junior Golf Association from a seven week summer program to offering youth golf development year-round. His work included the creation and implementation of an in-school Intro to Golf program in Coffee County.

"I look forward to bringing the CHIPRRS Golf Day and Tri-Golf Today programs to the City of Murfreesboro Schools and Rutherford County School system," said Jex Wilson. "Murfreesboro is a growing community with thousands of young male and female golfers who enjoy the competition and comradery the game provides."

Wilson is a native of Kingsport, Tennessee where he started his career at Ridgefields Country Club and where his father first introduced him to the game at the young age of six. Remarkably, Wilson scored his first hole-in-one at age 10. He attended Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida where he made the traveling team as a freshman walk-on. His accolades include Tennessee Section PGA Professional of the Year, and Tennessee PGA's highest honor, the "Distinguished Career Award." Wilson will serve as an independent contractor for the City.

The City of Murfreesboro Golf Department oversees three public courses: Old Fort Golf Club; an 18-hole championship course, 1028 Golf Lane; the Veterans Golf Course, a nine-hole executive walking course on property leased from the Department of Veterans Affairs, 3400 Lebanon Rd; and Bloomfield Links, a 6-hole course designed for youth, ladies, seniors and beginners.

For more information, contact the Golf Department at 615-896-2448. The City Golf Department webpage is available at http://www.murfreesborotn.gov/Index.aspx?NID=147.

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